Adjournment Motion *re*: Police torture of Satyagrahies.

President.—I have received from the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz.—

The unprovoked violence and tourture by the Police of 40 Satyagrahies on 22nd and 26th Vrischigam 1109 who went for a peaceful demonstration of their grievances and who peacefully subjected themselves to the arrest and other requirements of the Police.

This does not come within the purview of Rule 19. It is enough if it is brought in the form of an ordinary resolution. I think a resolution on the same matter has been discussed in the last meeting. A similar motion was also disallowed last time. It has, therefore, to be rejected.

Point of Order:—*re*: continuance of business disposed of under Standing Order 26 (*cont.*)

President.—A point of order was raised yesterday by the Hon'ble Member for Ernakulam regarding the applicability of Standing Order 26 to Mr. K. T. Mathew's motion to refer "The Cochin Free Compulsory Primary Education Bill" to a Select Committee. I have come to the conclusion that the motion is in order and that it may be allowed. I would have given my reasons for coming to that conclusion; but I had no time to write it. I will give out my reasons presently. In the meanwhile, Mr. K. T. Mathew will move his motion.

Free Compulsory Primary Education Bill.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—The motion has been moved and seconded, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I propose the name of Mrs. Swaris as a member of the Committee.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I second it.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Mr. President, Sir, yesterday, I had made a short speech in opposing the motion to refer the Bill to a Select Committee. But the interim procedure makes it necessary that I should oppose it again. I have said that Government have given practical demonstration of their sympathy for the advancement of education, as is evident from the recent history of Cochin. They have also two expert committees sitting and examining questions concerning education. It would be very helpful if this committee is postponed until the reports of

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